

Sinclair Broadcast Group recently directed all their many stations to preempt regular programming to air an anti-Kerry documentary just days before the presidential election. This is a clear example of why we need stronger regulation of media ownership and licensing.

We're getting to the point that we can't get fair local coverage of any subject--national or local--because these large media conglomerates are more interested in their own political and financial goals than in their obligation to fully and fairly inform the public.

Sinclair Broadcasting's blatant attempt to influence the presidential election appears illegal on its face. I was told by one Sinclair station manager that he knows of no plans to air a pro-Kerry documentary in the interest of fair play.

Renewal of federal licenses for companies such as the Sinclair Broadcast Group will only lead to more attempts by giant media corporations to manage the thoughts and actions of the American public. I urge you not to renew the licenses of media barons who show such disregard for the public interest.

Thank you.